

THE ROANOKE PRESBYTERY

A Profitable and Interesting Session at Black Walnut, Halifax County.

SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE

Free Conversation on Religious Development—Improvement in the County Churches.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
SAXE, VA., August 20.—The Presbytery of Roanoke met in Spring Hill church, Black Walnut, Halifax county, Tuesday and was opened at the request of the moderator, Ruling Elder John L. Hagan, of the First church, of Danville, with a sermon by Rev. A. J. Ponton.

There were present ten ministers and fourteen ruling elders. Rev. W. McC. Miller was chosen moderator, and Ruling Elders S. C. Goggin and L. C. Asher temporary clerks.

Rev. W. L. Sticher, of the Baptist church, was invited to assist as a "visiting brother." Licentiate S. G. Wood was received under care of the Presbytery from the presbytery of Abingdon.

In the course of the sessions of the presbytery a Sunday-school institute was held. All the members of ruling elders, both ministers and ruling elders, were enrolled, together with special delegates Winfred Hamersley, of Herndon Sunday-school; A. M. Linthicum, of Harper Creek Sunday-school; and Thomas E. Barksdale, of the Mercersburg Sunday-school. Rev. A. J. Ponton, chairman of the Sunday-school committee, presided, and L. C. Asher, of Hot Creek Sunday-school, acted as secretary. Instructive and interesting addresses were given by Messrs. Henry Decker, Thomas E. Barksdale, H. D. Shepherd, J. L. Hagan, and several of the ministers on various points bearing upon Sunday-school work.

FREE CONVERSATION.

The "Free Conversation" on the state of religion developed great interest on some points of importance, resulting in the volunteering of Rev. Messrs. W. H. Laird, T. S. Wilson, J. M. W. Elder, and W. McC. Miller, to visit portions of the presbytery, under the authority of the body, to develop the resources and liberality of the people in support of the Gospel. By the resignation and departure in July of the Rev. D. P. Rogers the important associated pastoral charge made up of Old and New Concord, Diamond Hill, and Hot Creek churches, was left vacant. It is earnestly seeking a man to take Mr. Rogers' place.

The presbytery adopted a resolution very complimentary to Mr. Rogers, and regretful at his departure. Mr. Rogers recently replaced its old house of worship with an elegant and commodious new building. There has been going on for some years, a wonderful and happy improvement in the style of the country churches. The Spring Hill church, in the pleasant village of Black Walnut, is a striking example. It is a very pretty and substantial brick structure, very tasteful within and without, very creditable to the not very numerous Presbyterian families of the community. It was erected during the closing years of the pastorate and care of the late Rev. J. H. Davis, D. D., so beloved and lamented. Rev. Clyde Sheltman's pastoral connection with the Anderson Memorial Church, of Martinsville, was dissolved at this meeting, and he was dismissed to Montgomery Presbytery, where he takes charge of the Covenant Presbyterian Church. This comparatively strong and prosperous church, in the beautiful, growing town of Martinsville, is now looking for a pastor.

HOME MISSIONS.

The report of the Committee of Home Missions showed the increasing prosperity and hopeful state of things touching Presbyterian interests in Patrick and Lunenburg counties, and in the West Pittsylvania fields. Means are in sight for the completion of the Matthews Memorial Church, at High Point, Pittsylvania county, and for the better support and furtherance of our work in all these parts of the Presbytery, much to their encouragement. We thank God, and take courage. Licentiate S. G. Wood, a young man of fine promise, is settled in Patrick county. They are prepared to settle a suitable man in the Lunenburg field as soon as he can be found; and Rev. A. J. Ponton, in the West Pittsylvania fields.

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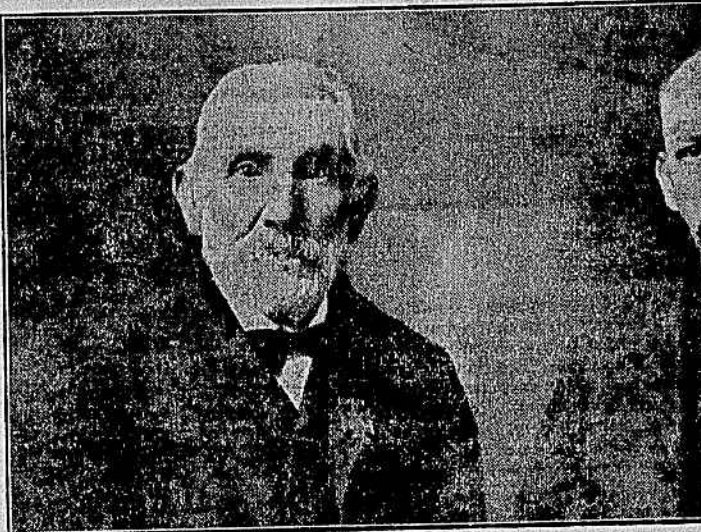
The edition of the July number of Everybody's Magazine was 300,000 copies and all sold out in a few days. For August, 350,000. We are printing 425,000 for September in the hope of supplying the demand. Sold on all news-stands.

has received encouragement that his work will be supported that have greatly cheered him.

Other action was taken, under instructions from the General Assembly of our church, looking to the quickening and advancement of our home mission work. Touching the action of the Assembly in appointing a committee of conference

Circuit Court of Essex county through the generosity of friends.

There are many descendants of this family still in Essex and some in this city and in Richmond. The occasion was a most interesting and impressive one. On the same day crosses of honor were presented to the Confederate veterans of Essex. The presentation address was



VETERANS, FATHER AND SON.

Probably as interesting couple of veterans as will attend the Confederate reunion at Lynchburg in September will be sent from William Terry Camp, of Wytheville.

They are Creed Chapman, who was a member of Company G, Fourth Regiment of Virginia, Stonewall Brigade, and his son, J. W. Chapman, who was a member of Company C, Fifty-first Virginia Regiment. Though forty years have elapsed since the stirring events in which both father and son participated, the old man carries his eighty years well, and will probably live to attend many more reunions. The son, J. W. Chapman, is fifty-eight years of age.

Both were good soldiers and wear with pride the crosses of honor bestowed by the Wythe Grays Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy.

on "closer relations" with other Presbyterian bodies, the Presbytery, under the lead particularly of Rev. Dr. T. C. Johnson, took strong ground against both the constitutionality and the rightfulness of the interest of the truth, of the action of the Assembly looking to any consideration whatever of any proposal for organic union with the Northern Presbyterian Church. Fraternal relations, cordial Christian fellowship and a readiness to cooperate for the advancement of the common cause are regarded as fully established. Let the matter rest there. It is judged best that the Southern Presbyterian Church maintain its independent existence. So thinks the Presbytery of Roanoke. In conformity with the recommendations of the General Assembly, the Presbytery is encouraged to prosecute with all zeal and persistent effort the endeavor to foster theological and collegiate institutions, in the interest of sound and thorough religious and academic education.

TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY FUND.

The Presbytery, therefore, resolves to continue and press its twentieth century education fund scheme, as fast and as far as circumstances permit.

Rev. Dr. L. B. Johnston, of South Boston, accepted a call from the Spring Hill Church for his pastoral services for a portion of his time, and arrangements were made for his installation.

Danville, First Church, was chosen the place for the next spring stated meeting, on the Tuesday following the second Sunday of April, 1905.

A cordial vote of thanks was adopted, gratefully recognizing the hearty and generous hospitalities of the families of the community, and at noon on Friday the Presbytery adjourned.

Thursday evening at 6 o'clock the members in body repaired to Cluster Springs and enjoyed the hospitalities of Professor and Mrs. Hampden Wilson, in a pleasant watermelon picnic on the picturesque grounds of that now growingly prosperous and most excellent classical school for boys. Cluster Springs vale, the site of the school, with its fine mineral springs, lies a short mile from "Cluster Springs Depot," at Black Walnut, on the Lynchburg and Durham Railroad.

The valley, with its springs and school, and the pleasant adjacent village, make up a charming aggregate, which memory delights to recall, and the residents are happy in enjoying.

THE REYNOLDS TABLET.

The Essex Veterans Who Were Awarded Crosses of Honor.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., August 20.—The tablet of the Reynolds family, presented to the county of Essex this week at Tappanhook, in a speech by Rev. Paul Hemmick, chaplain United States navy, bears the following inscription: "In memorial, John Reynolds, emigrant, 1760. Strathely Reynolds, captain in Revolutionary War, presidential elector, sheriff of court, William D. Reynolds, captain Virginia militia, Albert Reynolds, captain in Texas revolution, on staff of General Houston. Henry S. Reynolds, M. D., surgeon United States navy. Robert B. Reynolds, M. D., noted surgeon and physician. Albert Reynolds, Confederate States army, captain Company F, Fifty-fifth Virginia Regiment, surveyor and educator. This tablet is erected by the

TALKS ABOUT THE SOUTH

Rev. Dr. Cooper Thinks Outlook, Though Promising, Might be More Cheerful.

DISCUSSES RACE QUESTION

Says Plainly It Is a Matter the Northern People Do Not Understand.

"The man who wants to see me is the man I want to see. Come at once."

In the above comprehensive style, Rev. Dr. George Cooper, of the First Baptist Church, of Richmond, Va., replied to my telephone request for an interview. Half an hour later he greeted me in the cozy study of Rev. Charles H. Dodd, pastor of the First Baptist Pentecostal Memorial Church, whose pulpit he is filling during the absence of the latter in Europe. Dr. Cooper, the only son of a clergyman, was born in the little town of Kelso, near Edinburgh, Scotland, amid the scenery of Sir Walter Scott's earl boyhood days. After holding pastorates in Philadelphia and Williamsport, Pa., he went in 1884 to the first Baptist Church of Richmond, Va., where he was pastor for nearly twenty years.

"Dr. Cooper," I said, "after we had exchanged greetings, I wish you would tell me something about Southern affairs as you saw them."

"Well," said he, "the story of the past is, as you know, a sad one, and the outlook while promising to a certain extent, is not very cheering at present. Up to the time of the war or shortly before, when the whites and blacks worshipped together and were under the same discipline and influences, a board of colored deacons looked after the welfare of the colored portions of the worshippers. This

condition for his own guidance on the morrow. Therefore the one striking feature of the race is improvidence. But evidence of it in its nascent form may now be seen. To-day the Bank of True Reformers is operated absolutely by colored men and has as good a stand as any bank. They never open a door in that institution without holding a half-hour service of Scripture reading and prayer. There is another bank in the city of Richmond which is controlled by colored people, and of which a colored woman is president.

"The Southern white man," he continued, "is of good blood, and he has guessed what I had in mind. 'When I say that, I mean it in the sense that he is a man, and not a thing. He is a man, and right here let me say that the firm opinion steadily upheld by Southern men to-day is that, no matter how far nationalism of federalism may go they cannot crush out the autonomy of the States. The Southern man falls back on one of the original drafts of the Declaration of Independence beginning 'We, the States, etc.' and not 'We, the people.' He says, 'I don't care who is President, I mean to be let alone in the management of my own State and municipal affairs. The difference may be put in this way: In the North it is national consciousness and in the South State consciousness. I remember talking to Ex-Governor Fitzhugh Lee at the close of his term as Governor."

"Well, Governor," I said, "we are glad to know that your incumbency has been a prosperous, progressive and happy one."

"An expression of pain came into his eyes as he replied: 'There is only one thing I regret and that is that during my administration I have seen the gulf between the races steadily widening. The average Northern man says, "The whole trouble in the South is caused by race hatred. I wish they could throw that idea out of their minds."

"With regard to the charge that the object of the constitutional convention was to disfranchise the negro I may say the laws have been drafted almost as many times as black soldiers excepted. The South is the great realm of demagoguery and demagoguery is the curse of the South. The result of the constitutional conventions in limiting the suffrage is not the outcome of the race hatred, but the expression of a desire for

board was under the supervision of the pastor and board of white deacons. Matters moved along smoothly for a time, but with the separation which followed the close of the war, came trouble, which grew until to-day the sorrow—the indescribable sorrow of the South—is that the races are drifting apart. In this fact may be found the germ of all this discussion of race trouble."

"In the First Baptist Church before the separation there were probably 2,000 blacks and 300 whites. Undoubtedly many of the colored people drifted entirely away from church influences, but the majority quickly realized that they must get together and build churches for themselves, and this they immediately proceeded to do."

"During my stay in Richmond they have built more churches than the whites, some costing as much as \$40,000."

"What about the education of the colored masses?" I asked.

"Southern people believe," said Dr. Cooper, "that the best negro is the one who is educated just enough to use the tools placed in his hands. As the negroes in the South are our industrial class absolutely, so are they almost equally our criminal class. I think I may say there are in our State penitentiary 1,500 criminals and of this number nearly 1,500 are negroes. Now you can understand the feeling of the Southern white man toward the negro. It is a sad, unspoken fact, but we must never forget the fact that the race is coming up, though very, very slowly."

"Recently a large wing has been added to the penitentiary building to relieve the overcrowding. The old underground dungeons, those horrible noisome holes of torture, were abandoned ten years ago, but this has not caused any lowering in the criminal record. The dungeons were used principally for the punishment of criminals who committed crimes while inmates of the prison. It has been no uncommon thing to crowd eighteen to twenty-five into a room fifteen to eighteen feet square. Negroes who smuggle in razors and in the frequent quarrels would slash one another fearfully. I have seen negroes fightfully cut."

NO SENSE OF SHAME.

"The disorderly or criminal negro of the South is utterly unconscious of any shame or sense of moral delinquency, and right there is a difficulty to be reached and remedied by the development of a sense of moral responsibility. To accomplish this the combined influence of the church and school is absolutely necessary. The Southern people are convinced that the education of the negro must have a moral tone. Let me explain it in this way: A teacher in a school teaches the colored child to be a good boy, to do good, to be honest, to be clean, to be a good citizen, to be a good man. The old-time colored preacher has passed away, but the emotional element of their worship will never entirely disappear. All of the denominations have high schools devoted to the lifting up of the ministry to a higher plane. The old negro product of 200 years of slavery had no logic in his nature; he had no idea of the value of taking his experiences of yesterday, and today, and drawing con-

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ISSUES AN OPEN LETTER

Summons Practically Severs the Diplomatic Relations With Republican Chairman.

GIVES HIM SHARP RAPS

The State Democratic Chairman Appoints a Strong Advisory Committee for Campaign.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

RALEIGH, N. C., August 20.—Chairman F. M. Simmons, of the State Democratic Executive Committee, issues an open letter to Chairman Thomas S. Rollins, of the State Republican Committee, to the effect that there does not seem to be any occasion for further communication between them with reference to a joint canvass between Democratic and Republican candidates for State offices. He says, among other sharp things:

"In view of the fact that your party held its State convention first, and that your platform makes diverse charges against the administration of the State's affairs during the last four years by the Democratic party, it is surprising to say the least, that the candidates nominated by your party for executive and adminis-

tration of his challenge as an acquiescence by Rollins in the opposition of the Republican candidates on the State ticket to a joint discussion.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

State Chairman Simmons, of the Democratic Executive Committee, announces the following advisory committee for the campaign: Leo S. Overman, Salisbury; Locke Craig, Asheville; L. Banks Holt, Graham; Captain W. I. Everett, Rockingham; Colonel P. M. Pearson, Raleigh.

The Secretary of State charts the Newbern Military Academy Company, and Carolina Business College, of Newbern, both having the same incorporation—J. S. Holliday most largely interested.

COUNTRY WEDDING.

Beautiful Tableau Ceremony in Grove Church, Cumberland.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
SUNNY SIDE, VA., August 20.—Grove church was crowded to the utmost capacity Wednesday night on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Walter Putnam Dawson, of Cameta, Miss., and Miss Carrie Byerley, of this place.

The church was beautifully decorated with evergreen, the chancel being banded with golden rods, and shaded lamps lent a soft glow to the scene. Suspended above the altar were the initials of the bride and groom.

The wedding march was played by Mrs. Winston Fowles. The ushers—Messrs. Kent and Jack Flippen—entered first and were followed by the attendants—Misses Mable Byerley and Jessie Goodman, Messrs. Willis Johnson and Charlie Flippen, Misses Alma French and Patsie Clarke, Messrs. Tom Goodman and Lewis Wilkins, Misses Alice Hobson and Mattie Johnson, Messrs. Hugh French and Tom Clarke, Messrs. Stanley Branch and Brazeal Hobson, Misses Mollie Byerley and Emma Fowles, as flower girls, preceded Miss Eva Byerley, the maid of honor. Next came the bride, with her uncle, Mr. Edward Byerley; then the groom with his best man, Mr. Maynard French. The bridesmaids formed a line in front of the altar and the groomsmen at the side, the flower girls scattering petals from the corners of the altar. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. C. Grant.

The bride was handsomely gowned in white silk and lace, her veil being caught with a diamond starburst, the gift of the groom. She carried a bouquet of white roses. The maid of honor wore white silk over pink and carried pink roses. After the ceremony the bride and groom charmingly entertained the guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Byerley. After receiving the hearty congratulations of those present the bride and groom led the party to the dining-room. This was tastefully decorated in white and pink with garlands of green. From a bouquet, suspended from the center of the ceiling, ribbons were carried to each plate, the places of the girls being marked by silver ball pens as souvenirs. The table fairly groaning under the weight of delicacies, the bride's cake was cut. The guests fell to Miss Mable Byerley, the bride's cousin, and Miss Alice Hobson, and the sixpence to Miss Eva Byerley, Mr. and Mrs. Dawson left next day for St. Louis amid showers of rice from a crowd of friends at the station. They will make their home in Cameta, Miss., where the groom is a prominent merchant. They are followed by the best wishes of hosts of friends, whose one regret is that Cumberland loses one of her most charming daughters. A large number of handsome presents testify to the popularity of both Mr. and Mrs. Dawson.

END OF ENCAMPMENT.

It Closes With Announcement of Prize Drill Awards.

(By Associated Press.)

LOUISVILLE, KY., August 20.—The biennial encampment of the Knights of Pythias closed to-day with the announcement of the awards in the prize drill. The prizes are as follows:

Class A, free to all companies—First prize, \$1,500, won by Myrtle, No. 12, Glendale, Kan.; second, \$800, Georgia, No. 1, Savannah, Ga.; third, \$700, Kokomo, No. 4, Kokomo, Ind.

Class B, for companies M, never won at a supreme encampment—First prize, Battle Creek, No. 7, Battle Creek, Mich.; second, Pasadena, No. 32, Pasadena, Calif.; third, Custer, No. 66, Greenville, Pa.

Class C, all companies organized since 1902—First prize, Ivy, No. 65, Rushville, Ind.; second, Cavalry prize, won by Burns Hussars, St. Joseph, Mo.

Artillery prize, won by Battery A, No. 32, of Wheeling, W. Va.

New Albany, Ind., company won the \$300 prize for the largest company at the encampment, with Nashville second. The Seattle company won the prize for showing the greatest mileage, with Pasadena, the greatest.

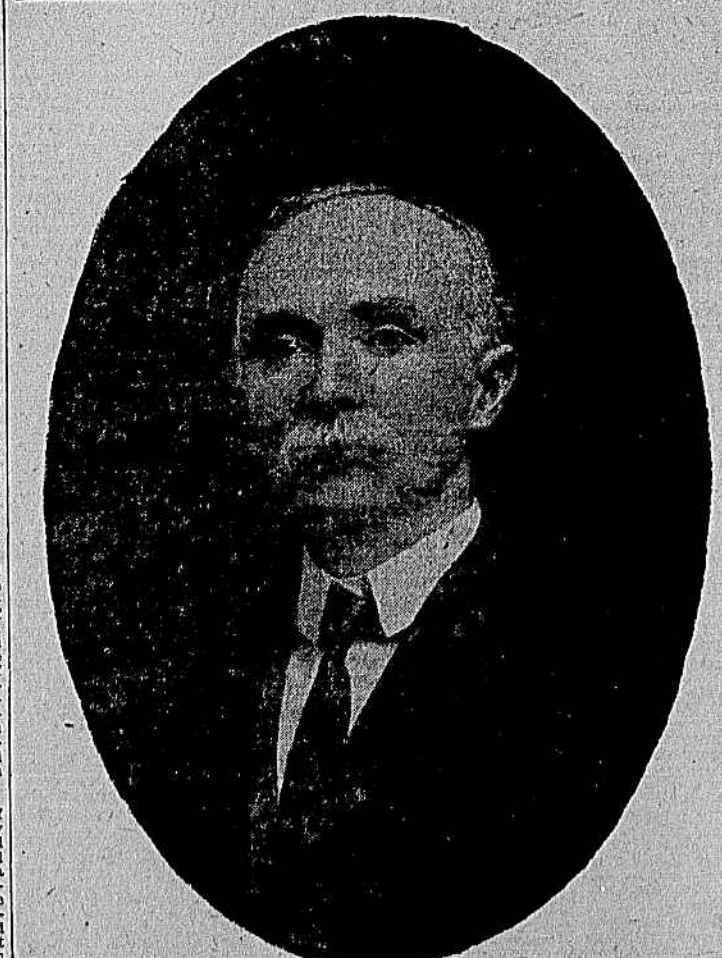
The Supreme Lodge will probably be in session until next Tuesday.

Berry—Manning.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Aug. 20.—Mr. James H. Berry and Miss Linda Manning, both of State College, were married here Sunday night at the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. Decatur Edwards.

The total quantity of peat in Sweden is estimated to equal a supply for two centuries of the present coal import to that country.



A. W. McWHORTER, of Roanoke.

Mr. McWhorter is president of the Central Trade and Labor Council of the Federation of Labor, and was also the delegate of the Roanoke Typographical Union to the International Typographical Union Convention in St. Louis. He is connected with the Hammond Printing Works, of Roanoke.

the improvement of the character of the electorate. The idea of race hatred might be referred to in the words of the old colored man as an "upstart sin." Let old folks tell that story and I'm through. A colored brother at a prayer-meeting prayed earnestly that he and his brethren might be preserved from their "upstart sin." When he had finished his setting, he said: "I want to say to you, 'You ain't got no sense of dat word, 'upstart sin,' not no sense."

"Bruder," replied the old man, "dat's so, hilt so. But I was a prayin' to do good Lawd to abate sin 'f'm de sin 'f' 'upstart sin' at dat 'upstart sin' 'f' 'upstart sin' I dunno what am."

J. F. Nevin, in Newark, N. Y. News, school devoted to the lifting up of the ministry to a higher plane. The old negro product of 200 years of slavery had no logic in his nature; he had no idea of the value of taking his experiences of yesterday, and today, and drawing con-

A new tribe was recently discovered in India in which contagious diseases are combated by killing those who are attacked.